



Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs) and Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

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RABs

- Forum for community, installation, and regulators to discuss and exchange information about DoD's environmental restoration program
- Review and comment on plans and reports
- Provide advice on cleanup
 - scope/schedule of studies and cleanup
 - site and work plan priorities
 - remedial technologies
 - relative risk site evaluations





RABs Required at BRAC Installations

- Where property is to be transferred to the community
- Where property is not going to be transferred to the community
 - sufficient, sustained community interest



Interim RAB Adjournment Policy

An installation may adjourn its RAB in consultation with the community if one of the following is true:

- ▶ restoration is complete
- ▶ all remedies are in place and operating as designed
- ▶ there is no longer sufficient, sustained community interest



RABs at BRAC Installations

- Number of BRAC installations
DoD-wide = 205
- Number of BRAC installations
participating in RABs = 114



RAB and LRA Roles

RAB

- Provide input to BCT on remedy selection and priorities
- Inform LRA of issues and input given to BCT

LRA

- Develop local redevelopment plan
- Inform community, RAB, and BCT
- Maintain awareness of environmental issues



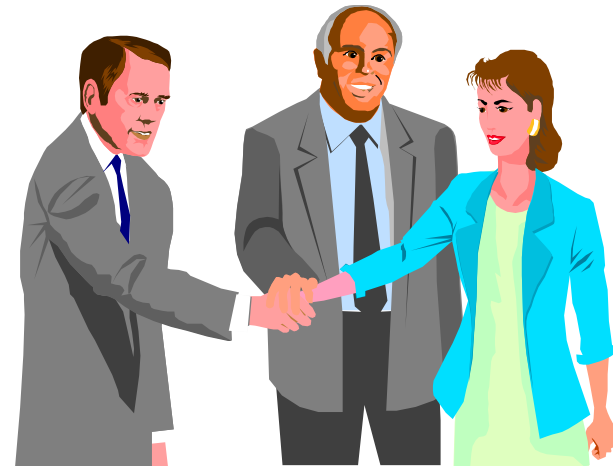
Lessons Learned

- Reach early agreement on the RAB's purpose and scope
- Focus on restoration
- Establish a positive relationship with LRA
- Ensure orientation training benefits all



What is the TAPP Program?

- A mechanism to provide community members of RABs and TRCs with independent technical assistance in interpreting scientific and engineering information regarding environmental restoration activities at an installation.





TAPP: Types of Assistance

- Interpretation of technical documents
- Review of proposed restoration technologies
- Participate in relative risk site evaluations
- Understand health and environmental implications of sites and cleanup strategies
- Training, as appropriate



TAPP: Who can get it?

According to the 1996 NDAA:

- Community members of a RAB or TRC
- At least three community members (excluding local government officials) on the RAB or TRC
- Majority of the community members must agree to the TAPP
- LRAs, special interest groups, and citizens groups cannot receive TAPP



TAPP: NDAA Requirements

- Community members must demonstrate the need for assistance -- requested technical expertise is not available within DoD, EPA, State, or local government; **or**
- The technical assistance is likely to contribute to environmental restoration activities at the installation and community acceptance of such activities.



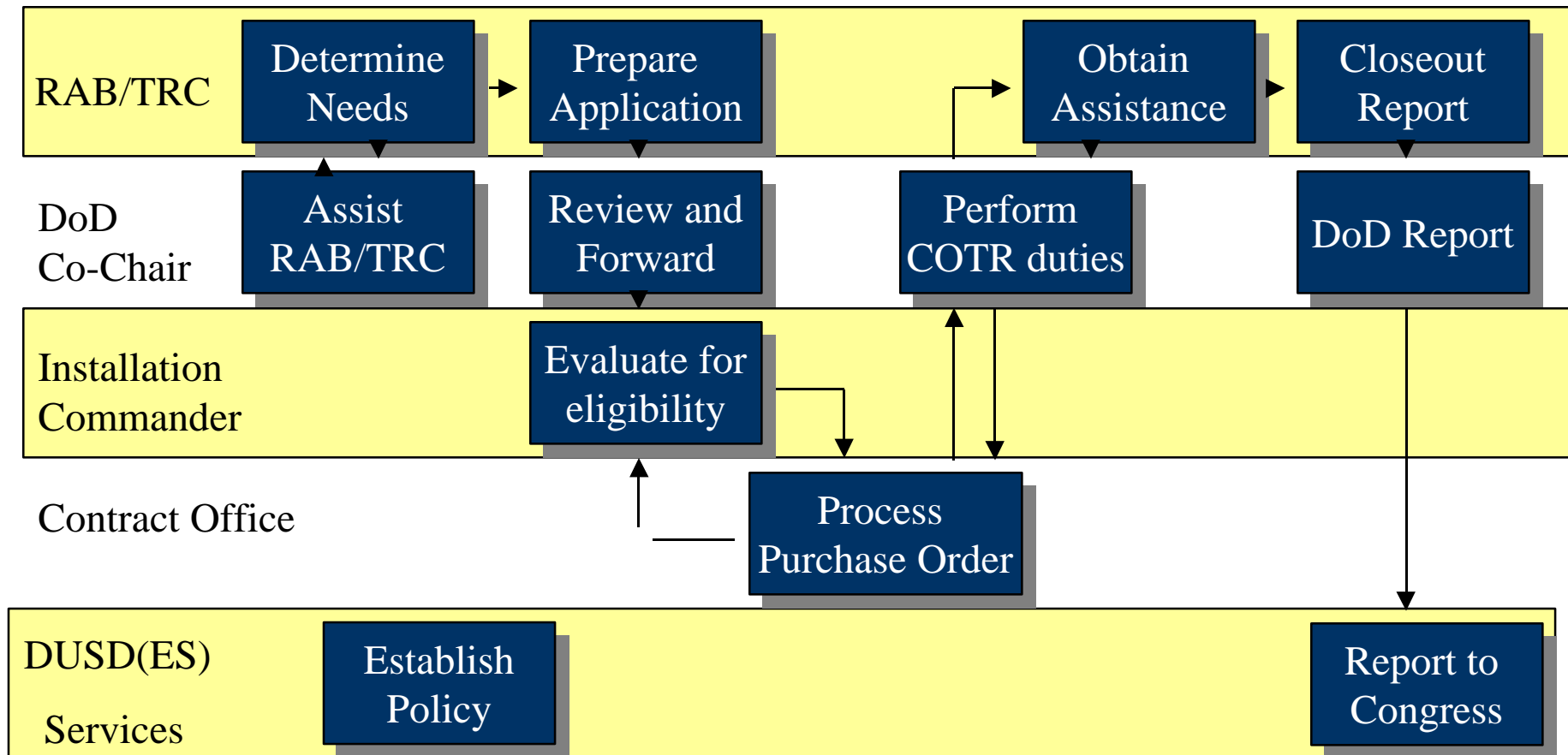
TAPP: Purchase Order Approach

Using government purchase orders, DoD procures technical assistance for RAB/TRC community members.

- ▶ Lifetime Limit: \$100,000
- ▶ Yearly Limit: \$25,000 or 1% of installation's total restoration cost to complete, whichever is less
- ▶ Funding Source: BRAC (closing and realigning), DERA (active)



The TAPP Process





The TAPP Procedure

1. RAB/TRC community members identify need for assistance
2. RAB completes and submits TAPP application
3. Installation Commander or designee approves or disapproves
4. Installation contracting office procures contract with assistance provider
5. Assistance is provided
6. Closeout report is produced



TAPP: Component Responsibilities

- Train installation personnel
- Inform RABs/TRCs of TAPP
- Assist RABs/TRCs in determining needs and in application process
- Program funds, as appropriate



TAPP: Implementation Schedule

- Final TAPP rule published: *February 2, 1998*
- Implementing guidance issued as part of the Management Guidance: *March 17, 1998*
- Train-the-trainers conducted: *Fall 1997*
- Installation training being conducted: *1998*
- Implementation beginning in *FY 1998*



RAB/TAPP Reporting Requirements

RAB

- Establishment date
- Membership
- Activities
- Advice
- Funding

TAPP

- Funding
- Evaluation of whether TAPP was helpful



TAPP Pilot Project

- NAS North Island conducted pilot TAPP project
- Four task orders totaling \$22,423 for independent review and analysis
 - Air toxics health risk assessment
 - Chemical waste disposal area
 - Shoreline sediments recommendations
 - Slag contamination project



Lessons Learned

- Involve all players early in the process
- Clearly define expectations and work products
- Provide feedback to RAB during the procurement process
- Don't become defensive over the results



Summary

- DoD policy requires that RABs be formed at closing bases excessing property to the community
- RABs provide advice on cleanup and work with LRAs
- TAPP is a new mechanism for RABs/TRCs to obtain technical assistance



Other RAB/TAPP Information

■ DUSD(ES) Cleanup Office home page:

- ▶ <http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/>
 - DERP Management Guidance
 - Joint DOD/EPA RAB Implementation Guidance
 - Proposed RAB Rule
 - RAB Resource Book
 - RAB Directory
 - FFERDC Report
 - TAPP Rule

■ Component Guidance

■ TAPP Resource Book (*forthcoming*)



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